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FUNDING BOOST FOR COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

A Territory community radio station broadcasting 126 hours of local programs a week has this morning received a $149,500 Government grant to assist in its operations, Communications Minister Paul Henderson announced.

Based at Charles Darwin University, TopFM was established in 1981 and now employs seven Territorians and has more than 200 volunteers.

“TopFM was the first Territory radio station to broadcast 24 hours a day, and broadcasts 365 days a year into communities as far reaching as Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy, Adelaide River, Lake Bennett, Batchelor, Katherine, and Tindal,” Mr Henderson said.

“In particular, the station recognises the contribution made by the Territory’s many ethnic groups, broadcasting multicultural programs six nights a week in more than 20 languages, including Italian, German, Indonesian, Chinese, Greek and Sri Lankan.

“I congratulate Top FM on their high level of service and wish them continued broadcasting success,” said Mr Henderson.

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